THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION: (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) At present, besides 3 pairs of Rajdhanis, 6 pairs of superfast trains are available between New Delhi/Nizamuddin and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Due to operational difficulties and resource constraints.

Water shortage in the retiring room at Gurwayour

4271. SHRI N. THALAVI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Railway retiring room in Gurwayour there is always water shortage and it is not worth staying in the retiring room;

(b) whether it is fact that Gurwayour muncipality supplies the water to retiring room but it is not sufficient; and

(c) whehter there is any proposal to put a bore in the Gurwayour railway station and also to modify or renovate the retiring room?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION SHRI RAM NAIK: (a) to (c) There is shortage of water supply in Gurwayour from Kerala Water Authority during summer months. However, water supply at Gurwayour station including the retiring rooms available there, is being managed with well-water available with Railways. This year there is no proposal for provision of a tube well or to modify/renovate the retiring room at Gurwayour station.

Progress of Trichy-Chennai B.G. line in Tamil Nadu

4275. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to stse:

(a) the progress of Trichy-Chennai Broad Gauge in Tamil Nadu as on date, and the year by which the line is expected to be completed and opened for traffic; and

(b) the steps taken to expedite the construction of the line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The work is at an advanced stage and is expected to be completed in August, 1998.

इन्दौर-खण्डवा रेलवे लाईन

4276. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 12 अगस्त, 1997 को तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री ने इन्दौर में यह घोषणा की थी कि इन्दौर-खण्डवा रेल लाईन को बड़ी लाईन में परिवर्तित किया जाएगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी घोषणा की थी कि इन्दौर खण्डवा गेज परिवर्तन का सर्वेक्षण 15 अक्तूबर तक पूर्ण हो जाएगा; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय ने राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) कोई ऐसी विशेष उद्घोषणा नहीं की गई थी।

(ग) बड़ी लाइन के अनुकूल घुमावों और ढलानों में सुधार करने के लिए कठिन भू-भाग होने तथा पुनः सीरखण के कारण सर्वेक्षण करने में अधिक समय लगा

और अब इसके 31.12.1998 तक पूरा किए जाने का लक्ष्य है। सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट के उपलब्ध हो जाने पर परियोजना पर आगे विचार करना संभव होगा।

Misuse of free railway passes issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and freedom fighters

4277. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to staste:

(a) whether a scandal involving misuse of free passes issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and to freedom fighters has come to the notice of Government recently as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 29th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any foolproof strategy to check the misuse of free railway passes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the new system would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMNTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) A few instances of misuse of free Railway passes have come to notice.

(b) to (d) Identity Card-cum Railway Passes are issued to the Members of Parliament and their spouses with the photograph of the concerned Member of Parliament/Spouse affixed on the Identity Cards. Similarly, the Railway Card Passes issued to Freedom Fighters with one year's validity at a time, are affixed with their latest photograph. Regular checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance departments against misuse of Passes. Ticket Checking staff have been intstructed to check Identity Card-cum travelling authorities of Members of Parliamament/Members of Legislative Assemblies, etc, in a polite and courteous manner which should be sufficient to detect such misuses, if any.

Foreign investment to develop railways real estate

4278. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are working out a methodology for attracting foreign funds to develop its real estate:

(b) if so, the areas or real estate development for which foreign investment will be sought for;

(c) the total funds from foreign investors expected;

(d) whether any attempt has been made to find investors in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of such investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMENETARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

कोंकण रेलवे की पैसेंजर रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था न होना

4279. **श्री राज बब्बर:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिवा से चिपलुन और कारवार से रत्नागिरी जाने वाली कोंकण रेलवे की पैसेंजर रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था नहीं है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन रेलगाड़ियों में शौचालय की व्यवस्था करेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक) (क) जी हां।